

REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner has required an election of species in the present application between:

Species I, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 1 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species II, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 5 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species III, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 6 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species IV, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 7 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species V, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 8 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species VI, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 9 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species VII, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 10 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species VIII, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 12 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species IX, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 13 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species X, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 14 (an optical amplifier apparatus);

Species XI, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 15 (an optical amplifier apparatus); and

Species XII, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 16 (an optical amplifier apparatus).

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, which is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 1, without traverse.**

**Claims 1-10 are directed to the elected species.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned below.

Application No.: 10/069,487

Docket No.: 2611-0175P

☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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